

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER CRISES IN MAHARASHTRA
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Maharashtra State Electricity Board faced with a shortfall of around 1500 MW is negotiating with the Tata Electric Company (TEC) and the Central Grid to source additional electricity to overcome the crisis;
- (b) if so, the efforts made by the Maharashtra Government to get the power from the Central Grid; and
- (c) the extent to which it has helped the State Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a): Maharashtra experienced energy shortage of 2016 MU (10.3%) and peak shortage of 2478 MW (20.1%) during the period April to June, 2000. Maharashtra State Electricity Board has not approached the Central Government for allocation of additional power from central sector stations. Tata Electric Company (TEC) is a licensee of MSEB and MSEB has an arrangement with TEC to purchase surplus power from TEC after meeting requirements in its licensed area.

(b) & (c): Maharashtra has a firm allocation of 1866.6 MW from Central Sector Generating Stations in Western Region. Maharashtra has also been allocated 153 MW out of 15% unallocated quota of Central Sector Stations in Western Region w.e.f. 25-7-2000. Western Region is importing about 350 MW surplus power from Eastern Region which is being consumed by Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. MSEB has, however, not agreed to draw power from Eastern region. At present there is backing down of generation in Maharashtra due to good rains.